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COUNTY OFFICIAL DIRECTORY.

Superior Judge.....Wm. S. Wells
County Clerk.....J. E. Rodgers
County Recorder.....A. E. Dunkel
County Auditor.....A. J. Soto
Sheriff.....R. R. Veale
Tax Collector.....H. C. Raap
District Attorney.....H. V. Alvarado
Treasurer.....Geo. Wiley
Assessor.....Henry T. Jones
Public Administrator.....M. H. Hurley
Coroner.....H. J. Curry
County Surveyor.....Elam Brown
Superintendent of Schools.....A. A. Bailey
County Physician.....E. E. Brown
Supt. County Hospital.....M. M. Taggart

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

Regular meetings, first Monday of every month.
First District.....P. Tormey, Rodeo
Second District.....J. M. Stowe, Walnut Creek
Third District.....E. J. Randall, Concord
Fourth District.....P. DeMartini, Clayton
Fifth District.....J. D. Wightman, Lone Tree

TOWN OFFICIAL DIRECTORY.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

John Bermingham, Jr., M. Murray, B. W. Stevens,
A. McDonald, W. A. Ray.

TOWN OFFICERS.

H. McCullough.....Marshal
Sam. Bermingham.....Treasurer
S. S. McKinley.....Recorder
L. E. Hart.....Clerk

POST OFFICE DIRECTORY.

Office open from 7 a. m. to 6 p. m.
Sundays from 7:30 to 10 a. m., and from
3 to 6 p. m.
The San Francisco mails arrive at 8:12
a. m. and 5:20 p. m.
Mails close for San Francisco, etc., at
8 a. m., 10:00 a. m. and 4:50 p. m. For
Benicia, etc., 8 a. m.

RAILROAD TIME TABLE

(In Effect May 19, 1904.)

COMING WEST.

Leave Pinole—San Ramon Passenger
8:10 a. m., Martinez Local 9:55 a. m.,
Sacramento Passenger, 6:00 p. m., Mar-
tinez Passenger, 5:34 p. m.
Arrive in S. F.—9:25 a. m., 11:25 a. m.,
7:25 p. m. 6:35 p. m.
Bakersfield passenger stops every day.
Leaves Pinole at 3:38 p. m. and arrives in
San Francisco at 4:55. Stops at Giant.

GOING EAST.

Leave San Francisco—Sacramento Pas-
senger 7 a. m. Martinez Local 9:30 a. m.
Sacramento Local 3:30 p. m. Martinez
Passenger 7:00 p. m.
Arrive at Pinole 8:12 a. m. 10:40 a. m.
4:41 p. m. 8:10 p. m.

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GOING WEST.

Trains leave for Oakland and San Fran-
cisco as follows:
No. 5, 7:40 a. m., No. 41, 9:56 a. m.; No.
7, 5:05 p. m.
Arrive at Oakland 8:27 a. m., 10:35
a. m. and 5:55 p. m.

GOING EAST

Trains leave Oakland as follows:
No. 50, 7:30 a. m., No. 54, 4:30 p. m.,
No. 56, 8 p. m.
Arrive at Pinole 8:34 a. m., 5:11 p. m.
9 15 p. m.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Mrs. W. H. Baker has returned for a short visit to Hercules.

The pumping plant at San Pablo has been shut down for repairs. It was started up again this week.

W. F. Bacon, of the N. G. Depart-ment went on his vacation Sunday night. He will be gone a couple of weeks.

The open season for salmon fishing commenced Sunday evening, and the fish-ermen are jubilant at the prospect for a good fall run.

Miss Minnie Perry, who was injured at the shell house by a revolving crank some days since, returned to work again last Friday.

Chas. Chaquette and Andy Ashenfelder are saving up their small change for a trip to the World's Fair at St. Louis. They expect to leave in January.

Have you noticed the wistful look in a certain young lady's eyes in the office since the departure of a certain young man. But perhaps we are mistaken.

Hercules Lodge No. 21, K. of P. will do work in the Page Rank Saturday evening and will have a spread. All K. of P. members are invited to attend.

Messrs. Boysen, Moore, McGlinchey, Smith and Bermingham went to Elmira Saturday for the opening of the duck season. They returned Sunday evening with a large bag of choice ducks and re-
port a good time.

At Elmira it was learned that X. Huber while out hunting in that vicinity some time since, was the victim of a runaway horse. The animal demolished the shafts but was fortunately caught before harm was done the buggy. Mr. Huber never told his friends at the works about this.

Captain John Bermingham, Supervising Inspector of Hulls and Boilers left for the East Monday morning to attend a meeting of the Supervising Inspectors at Washington to devise more stringent laws for the protection of lives of passen-
gers on excursion steamers. He will be absent about a month and will stop at St. Louis on his way back.

Lester Wood, Jack Patterson, Jim Helms, Jack Hall, Clarence Sylvester and Leo Castro went quail shoot-
ing on the opening day. They all report lots of quail, but the found the birds very wild. This is the result of break-
ing the game law by the youths of Pinole. What is the use of game wardens when they do not do their duty?

Considerable excitement was caused among the employees at the California Powder Works on Saturday morning by the appearance of a large pelican, calmly perched on the ridge of the boarding house roof. It was thought by some that as Saturday was the opening of the hunt-
ing season, the bird did not like to trust himself on the bay for fear some over-
zealous hunter might take him for a duck.

Mr. E. M. Carr visited Mr. Reed Sun-
day.

Mr. Gordon Hamblin spent Sunday in San Francisco.

Mrs. L. Dean and daughter Margurite spent Sunday in Oakland.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lucid were city pas-
sengers Sunday.

Mr. Abe Hitch and Jerry McDonald spent Saturday in the metropolis.

Mr. Bennie Nelson and Adam Alvarez visited relatives and old friends in Pinole Sunday.

Mrs. W. Mann and daughter Georgina spent Saturday and Sunday in San Fran-
cisco.

The messrs. Robert, Jim and Will Davies spent Sunday visiting their friends Mr. and Mrs. T. Davies in Pinole.

Mrs. Chas. Alvarez and father re-
turned from their journey to England on Saturday last.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Rector returned from an extended visit to the Eastern states last Sunday.

Messrs. Marx and Murphy arrived at St. Louis on the 14th inst. We learned by a wire from Murphy.

Mrs. W. T. McGuire of Elmira has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. L. Wood of Hercules, after a two week's visit with relatives in San Jose.

Mr. Frank L. Fitch of Cooperstown, Stanislaus county, came down on a short visit to his wife and little son, and his father-in-law B. W. Stevens of Hercules.

Bill Woodpecker of Nevada City has sent Supt. Bermingham his handsome Knight Templar badge. Bill was sorry there was no game in Nevada on the 9th.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Chatteleton returned to Pinole from their wedding trip Sunday evening. The were tendered an old fash-
ioned tin can chivari by a number of their friends.

Mr. S. S. McKinley showed us a sou-
venir card of the Anheuser-Bush Brewing Association which Marx & Murphy sent him from St. Louis. They have no doubt worshiped at this famous shrine.

Quite a number of fishermen plied their vocation on the wharf Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Lehmkuhl and Mrs. Ralph Robison and Ed. Cureton caught large strings as did Lester Woods.

Joe Newfield, S. S. McKinley, Tom Davenport, Arthur Annis, Lyman Flint and T. A. McMahon were passengers to San Francisco Saturday. They all report fine weather in 'Frisco Sunday.

Mr. Mackay of Pinole is thinking about putting up a new barbed wire fence. Sam says that he thinks that Clarence and Charley cannot digest barbed wire as easy as ordinary pickets.

The cooking of R. K. Smith at the Her-
cules Gun Club preserve at Elmira last Sunday was greatly appreciated by the Hercules hunters. Roast mallards and mushrooms on toast completely captiva-
ted our friend Boysen.

Winter is rapidly approaching and the mornings and evenings have a decidedly chilly atmosphere.

What makes mamma's boy look so pale every Sunday night when he comes from Martinez.

The outside gang have been busily en-
gaged during the past few days in hand-
ling a boatload of lumber.

George Mare, who was employed at the Pinole station, but who has since been braking on the S. P. is laid up in the hos-
pital of the company with a badly crushed foot which he sustained at Martinez last week.

A good omen appeared on Saturday at sunrise. Perched on top of the boarding house was the departed spirit of an an-
cient mariner incased in the form of a pelican. Some farmer suggested that someone get a gun and take a shot at it. Woe betide him who ever shoots a pelican or a Mother Carey's chicken.

The "quail on trust" that was promised us at the hotel Baker Monday by the army of hunters who scoured the woods on the opening day, failed to materialize. "Codfish and cleme" was served as a substitute, and the boarders are laying low for those hunters, but they are hard to find.

After being delayed for almost a week, Mrs. John Bermingham, Jr. and her mother Mrs. Rice have at last reached St. Louis, having arrived there Saturday last. While held up at Albuquerque for several days on account of washouts, the people on the train were entertained royally by the Gentleman's Club of that place, so the time did not hang heavily on their hands.

The number that attended the boat ride Sunday was a disappointment to Man-
ager Ross. After putting up an awful yell for another ride and after Ross had worked hard to make it a success, only 75 people availed themselves of the privi-
lege of a fine ride. Those that did go had a good time. How do you expect, people of Hercules, a man like Manager Ross likes such treatment. Those who didn't go could have at least bought a ticket. What's the matter anyhow, was the price too high or did the weather (?) dim your hopes of a good time. Get a move on and support the ball team and its man-
ager or otherwise something will be drop-
ping.

DOWN THE LINE WITH HENRY.

We wend our way
At break of day
Across the grassy marsh,
The wild duck flies,
The gray goose cries,
His call comes loud and harsh.

Now here comes one,
From out the sun,
We see this hunter kneel;
The light is poor,
But Henry's sure
That bird must be a teal.

His aim is high,
But feathers fly,
We see that he can shoot;
And now he swears,
The air he tears,
For he has killed a coot.

—J. R. YOUGH.

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Republican Ticket

FOR PRESIDENT,
THEODORE ROOSEVELT.
FOR VICE-PRESIDENT
CHARLES W. FAIRBANKS.
FOR CONGRESSMAN
JOSEPH R. KNOWLAND.
FOR JOINT STATE SENATOR
HON. C. M. BELSHAW.
FOR ASSEMBLYMAN
HARRY ELLS.

THE editor of the Black Diamond Argus has forgotten the "cowhide" persuasion that was evidently handed to him some two weeks ago when he quit writing politics and went back to his "original ten-cent novel stories," but from the appearance of his hand-bill sheet this week another piece of Democratic or Sorehead money has tempted him to take a header into the "political dung heap." We wonder how many more of these "plunges" the decent people of his district will stand for this campaign ere they rise up and stone him from their midst as an "unuseful thing."

THE reception Senator Belshaw is receiving throughout the Ninth Senatorial District is remarkable. Over in Marin all the stalwarts are in his fight. In this county he is having the most enthusiastic meetings. In Concord, the home of his opponent, he had the largest meeting ever held there and is sure to carry that place by a large majority. We predict the Senator's majority will be 800 in the 9th District. He is helping the whole ticket as every loyal Republican should do and is gaining friends from the Democrats every day. The only question now is how large will be his majority.

HON. C. M. BELSHAW for the office of State Senator, is winning friends on every side. The little paper wads saturated with political dirt do not find lodgment on Senator Belshaw's shoulders. Mr. Belshaw has made a good record and one may just as well try to pull the mountains off the moon as to work his defeat. Richmond needs him.—Richmond Terminal.

It is amusing to see the terrible contortions the souse-headed editor of the Black Diamond Argus is going through in his eulogy of Ralph Harrison the Republican candidate and Mr. R. F. Booth his Democratic opponent in the 2d district for Supervisor. The fact of the matter is this "far-sighted scribe" once printed a "pocket handkerchief sheet" in Danville, and would like to keep friendly with both. While he should know beyond a doubt that Harrison is the man, he is afraid to take any chances for fear by some fluke the other man might get in. This has been the crawling attitude of this "editor" who has slung dirt at the Republican candidates since the opening of the campaign, presumably for which he has been well paid.

THE Gazette says in an editorial entitled "Funds Exhausted:" "The Hospital, Salary and General Funds won't be worth a dollar for a couple of months to come. The General Fund is worse than broke, it is \$12,000 in the hole." Just think of this people of Contra Costa, and more especially in those districts that elect Supervisors on the 8th of next month. This is the proof of what a Democratic Board can do with your money. Will you stand for such extravagance? Will you return to office Supervisors whose sole aim seems to be to deplete the county treasury and burden you with an exorbitant tax roll in a county as rich as is Contra Costa in agriculture, manufactures and industries? Think of what the prospective buyer of real estate will say when he learns as he will of the conditions that are now and have been tolerated by a long suffering people. Get busy you in No. 5 and elect John Trythall; you in No. 4 elect Billy Buchanan, and you in No. 2 elect Ralph Harrison. These are honest, upright, business men whom nobody owns and who will put a stop to this disgraceful state of affairs. Vote for these men unless you want to pay \$1.80 on the \$100 for the next four years in taxes.

Jiggs—Every time I go along this road at night I am startled by the apparition of a jackass.

Jaggs—You ain't the only man who gets frightened at his own shadow.

POOR, old Murphy, what an awful mess he did make of the appointment of the County Central Committee? All of the "brick" was passed up to him on account of the failure of some one to file the nomination certificates as required by law. The fact of the matter is good people Murphy has had his hands so full fighting a united Republican press that he has forgotten that he should have attended to this important item at least for poor Paul D and certainly for Eddie and Joe and last but not least for himself and the County Paper. It is said that a hat of ordinary size now fits him and that he sleeps O.K., the sl-e-p from which (politically) there is no awakening. Murphy allowed himself to be bamboozled into fighting Belshaw and other Republican and also representative Democrats by the soreheads of Martinez and we repeatedly advised him of what would be his finish if he continued. But being egotistical in the extreme and besides having had, according to his own articles, a plentiful suck at the "pap" bottle he did not listen, and it is understood he is now being criticised by his own party. The ways of the poor are trying. Let us all hope for the best.

RODEO NEWS.

Little Frankie Silva, while out walking with his mother last week, was severely bitten by a dog.

Mr. Gus Coppen and Miss M. Thompson drove nearly to Martinez last Sunday and met reporter Delmonte hunting.

Miss Rita Silva was visiting her parents Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. A. Peck and Mike Delmonte went across the bay hunting Saturday.

Mr. F. Higuera was a Martinez passenger last Friday.

The Rodeo Social Club held a meeting Sunday night and elected officers as follows: President, Joe Johnson; Vice-President, F. Higuera; Secretary, Herman Koppen; Treasurer, H. Jones.

The Rodeo girls have chosen the sandy beach as a new hop scotch ground.

Mr. C. Catt and T. Higuera went out on an early hunt Sunday morning.

Mr. A. Barton of Pinole is now working at the Union Oil Works.

Two of the Rodeo girls laugh and clap their hands when Pete gives them the hot air.

The Rodeo Social Club will hold a meeting this Thursday evening, Oct. 19th. All are cordially invited to attend.

Try Mrs. Higuera's tomas. They are for sale at F. Delmonte's place every Saturday and are a swell article.

Miss Bell Miranda was seen on the Martinez local train Sunday evening.

Sunday the Quinn & Broder baseball team and the Crocketts crossed bats at Rodeo. The score stood 13 to 14 in favor of the Crocketts.

TOWN TAXES

Town Taxes will be delinquent on Monday, October 17, 1904, at 6 o'clock p. m. and unless paid prior thereto, five per cent. will be added to the amount thereof. Payments may be made between the hours of 8 a. m. and 5 p. m. at Store House.

HENRY MCCULLOUGH,
Town Marshal.

On the Diamond.



Last Sunday the steamer Alviso took the faithful fans over to Petaluma to see Hercules play the invincible Alerts who have a record of 19 wins to 6 losses to their credit. Pitcher Smith was on the rubber for Hercules and pitched a masterful game as only two scratch hits were chalked against him, and he received gilt-edge support from his team mates, their dash and ginger was a revelation to the chicken team. Keep it up boys, you'll need all the ginger for next Sunday as you crack against Vacaville who are the California League champions. Below is an itemized account of the game which talks for itself:

Hercules	AB.	R.	BH.	PO.	A.	E.
McDonald, 1 f.....	4	0	0	1	0	0
Boynton, 3d b.....	5	1	1	1	1	1
Sears, 1st b.....	4	3	1	10	0	0
Hanrahan, 2d b.....	5	0	0	2	1	0
Smith p.....	5	3	1	1	5	0
O'Connell, c f.....	5	2	1	2	0	0
Steffen, c.....	5	1	1	8	3	0
Robison, s.....	5	0	2	1	1	1
Loh, r f.....	5	0	0	1	0	0

Totals..... 10 7 27 11 2

Petaluma	AB.	R.	BH.	PO.	A.	E.
Baldwin, 2b.....	3	0	0	2	5	0
Guyon, 1b.....	4	1	0	8	2	3
Smith, s.....	3	0	0	1	1	2
Ayers, c f.....	4	0	1	2	0	1
Healey, 3d b.....	4	0	0	1	1	3
Tyler, 1 f.....	4	0	0	3	0	0
Everett, p.....	3	0	1	0	5	0
Canfield, r f.....	3	0	0	1	1	0
Waymire, c.....	3	0	0	9	1	2

Totals..... 1 2 27 16 11

Runs and hits by innings—

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Hercules.....	0	0	0	2	3	2	0	3	—10
Hits.....	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	3—7
Petalumas.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—1
Hits.....	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	—2

Summary—Sacrificed hits, O'Connell, Evaret; stolen bases, McDodald 2, Sears, O'Connell, Steffen, Evaret; bases on balls off Everet 2, off Smith 1; hit by pitcher, Smith; struck out by Smith 9, by Evaret 6; two base hits, Boynton Robison, left on bases, Hercule 7, Petaluma 5; passed balls, Waymire. Umpire, Kennecely, scorer, Fred G. Mayer. Time of game two hours.

Fanlets—Big Leaguer Tyler struck out twice and never saw 1st.

McDonald was there with the lamps and he walked to the bench four times.

Smith made the circuit three times.

Sears, the new man, showed himself every inch a ball player, as he meets the ball square, fields his position fast and uses his head all the time, and is speedy on the bases.

Steffen caught a steady game.

Hanrahan was there every time.

Robison played fast and hit better.

His two bagger was a beautiful line drive.

Boynton played as always, good, and his catch of a foul fly in the bleachers brought down the house.

Loh played a great right.

O'Connell made a beautiful slide in home, and got the plaudits from the fair sex.

Miller made a hit with his satin coat on the lines, as several ladies wanted to know, who that little fat boy was.

Following is the lineup for next Sunday:

Vacaville Hercules

Radford.....c.....Steffen

Stout.....p.....Smith

Monaghan.....1st b.....Sears

Reeder.....2d b.....Hanrahan

Nagle.....3d b.....Boynton

Watts.....s.....Robison

Tilson.....l. f.....McDonald

Hoy.....c. f.....O'Connell

Levy.....r. f.....Loh

Deputy.....extra.....Miller

Train will leave for Vacaville from Pinole 8:10 a. m.; returning arrive at Pinole 6:40 p. m. Round trip \$1.95 S. P. route.

Jack O'Connell will officiate.

JOHN INFORMATION LOUIE.

DIER EDITUR: Now again comes Louie what is me and explanations why I am not by Peteleta mid Roos und John Buck-hard. I am now a responsibility by the new towers what Henry Christmas is de boss and Roos he spoke mid me nod to go because I am needed by Christmas what is a nice man und not so cross as Roos. So I see John und I appointment him to give me de dope what is, und I wrote what he information me about it for Hurclees Nuse. The tub Alviso is again here by Andy Ashes und she sails at 7:30 sharp mid only 75 peoples what I think is a shamefulness to Roos give after a fine and sweet ride. At 11:30 they is by Peteleta and John is explorationing de town what is. By and bye the game is commences and the umpire is a bad one, und Roos he make a kick when Steffen he puds a man oudt at nome what the umpire says is safety. There is 1 to 0 for 5 acts, und then there is a terrific bombardment worser dan de Japs and Roosians und by the time it is over Roos is smiling because it is 10 to 1 by the book Fred Mayer is keeping it. Only two hits off Jimmie Schmidt. The Dutch are all ride. Topsy strike oud, what the h—ll is the matter mid my Topsy anyhow. Ralph he is pretty good, but I am going to explanationing him to go to de hospital and get fixed up. Loh he is play in the field. He insulted John by forgetting who it is und I am surprised at Jessica. Say, John say what Roos hand us by that new one man Sears is such a fineness it is a pleasurable und I am going to Cowville to see him performance some. John he say a great lot of team work is missing because big Dan get copped at home by a throw what he could beat like O'Brien if he only stay by number three until he see it himself und den not go back. If you can make it oud that way I cannot, und I tole John not to be so pertickular, if it is not so I am wrong informationing. I asked Roos und he tole me what tell Louie, John is an invitation genius und he is thinking of flying machines und everybody can't run so fast. Big dan is my friend und I have instructshund John to apolgetic if I am not ride. When a man can catch a fly like by Salinas what was caught by Dan I am his friendship for always. I have seen Duke already yet about Cowtown und he says I can go if I wride good dope. Chaket he goes und wins. Jerry wins but dere is not much dough in de town, but I think Cowville is have plenty of monies what John und I is to cop. Roos he ask me to announcement to the peoples is a rate of \$1.90 round trip. Everybody goes und we will all be pleasurable time und plenty of Port for

LOUIE.

Miss Laura Christian is visiting friends in Martinez.

EDDIE TO TOMMY.

SAN RAFAEL, Cal., Oct. 15, '04.

MY DEAR TOMMY:

Yours of the 12th to hand and contents noted, also your paper containing that "Dicky to John" letter, which, by the way, cheered me up considerably, as I had about given up my fight here. Say, Tommy, would you believe it, after all your paper and the Black Diamond Argus has published about me being a successful lumber dealer in behalf of my father-in-law, these pikers didn't even know it, and when I informed them of the fact they told me that I had better "go back to the woods." They didn't even know that I was a member of the Board of Supervisors that built the Court House, bought the poor farm, and dug into the pockets of taxpayers, I ment dug the Stow tunnel). I was quite relieved when I found this out, because you know the Republican press has been asking some corks of questions, which has been hard for us to answer, so of course we have "said nothing and sawed wood." This is exactly the situation here, even worse than I expected. I have tried everything, but even your favorite pose, head elevated, cigar at angle of even 90 degrees, little finger properly crooked, (by the way, when I first tried that cigar act, I nearly burnt out my left lamp, it is a far more difficult feat than it looks. I have not got it down pat like you have, but hope to master the art before the end of the campaign). Well, even this failed to work and I was at a dead loss what to do next, when I got your paper with that "Dicky" letter. Say, Tommy, that was a peach, it must have taken friend Jim quite awhile to have thought that up, but he is pretty foxy you know, and like yourself he "never sleeps" when there is anything doing. Well, Tommy, I took heart from the minute I read that article, I got up "Dutch courage" right away and I made up my mind to throw a bombshell into the ranks of the Republicans that would scatter them to the four winds quicker if not sooner. I hunted up Sheriff Taylor, who is a great friend of Belshaws, and some more of the leading politicians and asked them into a Republican joint to take a "smile," well we had several and a smoke all around, when striking an attitude, (your favorite) I presented the Marin Sheriff with your paper, requesting him to read it aloud, while with folded arms and abated breath I awaited the explosion. But Tommy, it didn't go off. When the Sheriff had finished reading some one in the crowd asked if that was intended for a funny piece, and another wanted to know "what ignoramus had written it," and another who wore a slightly bored expression, by the way of changing the subject and relieving me from my awkward position, ordered another round of drinks. Tommy, it was something awful. But my dear boy that was not the worst of it, we had hardly downed our drinks when a fellow said to me, "what kind of a set of galoots are those fellows over in Contra Costa that the Democrats have put up for Supervisors and Assemblyman, it looks to me that they are a set of d—n fools, as I see by to-day's Call that they failed to file their certificates of election, and can't get on the ticket under a party heading, if they run at all they will have to go on as independent candidates," and he handed me the paper and pointed to the article. Great, Caezar's ghost, and the shades of

hades, the cold sweat started from my brow, the hot blood mounted to my face till I feared it would burst my veins, my eyes watered so I could scarcely see the lines, and as the naked truth dawned upon me, I uttered the fearful oath "to h—l with the Democrats." Oh! Tommy, to realize that through the d—ned stupidity of them block headed jackasses, that we have lost forever our grip on the county treasury, and I am left alone and stranded in a foreign land. Eternal curses blast them for it and may the devil tost his shins in the lowest depths over the blue, sulphuric flame as it slowly consumes this bunch of infernal numbskulls. I fled the place and am now speeding on my way to Concord to wreak my vengeance on Caven the Secretary of that Democratic convention who named these devil's imps, after which I will hurry to you and we will shed our scalding tears of regret on each others necks as we mourn over the corpse of our cherished hopes, brought abruptly to an end by this accursed set of imbeciles who in falling have dragged us into the political grave along with them. The very thought of it is drying me crazy. Yours despairingly,

EDDIE.

REPUBLICAN RALLY AT PINOLE.

On Wednesday evening Hon. Joe Knowland, Republican nominee for Congress from the 3d District, Hon. C. M. Belshaw, candidate for State Senator, Hon. Harry Ells, for Assemblyman and Hon. Frank Leavitt Senator from Alameda, addressed the citizens of Pinole on the political issues of the day. The Republican Clubs of Hercules and Pinole turned out in goodly numbers and Forester's Hall was crowded to it's utmost to hear the eloquent Statesmen. Hon. Harry Ells was the first speaker introduced, and in his usual pleasing manner held the attention of the audience throughout his speech. He was followed by Hon. C. M. Belshaw, who was greeted with applause by the audience, who listened attentively as the Senator explained the good and bad qualities of the Constitutional Amendments to be submitted to the voters on November 8th. The knowledge to vote intelligently upon these measures is of the utmost importance and we regret that space forbids us discussing this topic atlength. However, on the fourth page of this issue will be found an explanation to the proposed amendment relative to the California Academy of Sciences, and in our next issue we will endeavor to print the others that the Senator so thoughtfully referred to. Congressman Knowland next took the floor, and in his honest, straightforward way eulogized the principles and the promises fulfilled by the Republican party and pointed out to the young voters the great necessity for them to compare the present prosperous times with those under the last Democratic President. His speech was well received by all. The last speaker of the evening was Senator Frank Leavitt of Alameda. He captivated the audience from the start, and the manner in which he explained why Knowland, Belshaw and Ells should be elected was convincing to his hearers. The meeting broke up with three rousing cheers for the Republican ticket from top to bottom.

IF the editor of the Black Diamond Argus would devote a little more space to enlightening the voters why his sap-head candidates failed to get on the ticket, instead of throwing so much dirt at Belshaw it might have some tendency to stem the stream that will certainly engulf them, but this fice-dog's bark is turned in the direction of the Senator to withdraw the attention of the voters from Wightman's now utterly hopeless fight against Trythall. His bark could be quickly stopped by the dropping of a "stray bone" for which his acute nostrils are ever on the alert. It matters little to him the source from whence it comes, Democrat, Republican, Populist or Sorehead, as "it is all grist that comes to his mill."

Mr. E. E. Southworth was summoned to the East on acctnt of the illness of his father.

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Joint State Senator

Ninth Senatorial District, comprising the counties of Marin and Contra Costa.

Election Tuesday November 8, 1904.

HARRY ELLS

OF STEGE

Regular Republican nominee for

ASSEMBLYMAN

Election, Tuesday, November 8, 1904.

NOTICE TO OWNERS OF DOGS.

All dog licenses expire June 30, 1904. Notice is hereby given to renew licenses at once. Same can be obtained at the storehouse.

HENRY MCCULLOUGH,
Town Marshal.

Notice of Meeting of Stockholders of Hercules Water Company, (a Corporation.)

OFFICE OF HERCULES WATER COMPANY.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of the Hercules Water Company has been called and ordered by the Board of Directors of said corporation to be held on Tuesday, the first day of November, 1904, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the office of said corporation in the Town Hall in the Town of Hercules, County of Contra Costa, State of California, said place of meeting being the principal place of business of said corporation and at the building where the Board of Directors thereof usually meets. This meeting is called for the purpose of voting upon the proposition of increasing the capital stock of said corporation from seven hundred and fifty (750) shares of the par value of one hundred dollars (\$100.) each to two thousand, five hundred (2500) shares of the par value of one hundred dollars (\$100.) each.

By order of the Board of Directors of the Hercules Water Company.

Dated: August 17, 1904.

B. C. CARROLL,
Secretary of the Hercules Water Company.
8-25-2m.

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SHOULD BE VOTED FOR.

The proposed amendment to Article IX of the Constitution of California to exempt from taxation the property of the California Academy of Sciences, to be voted upon by the people on November 8th should be unanimously carried, as it is a measure that concerns all, irrespective of party or politics. The following, from a circular letter, will enlighten the voters as to the reason of the proposed amendment:

The California Academy of Sciences is a museum similar in scope to the United States National Museum in Washington and the American Museum in New York City; it maintains collections for popular instruction, which are open six days of the week and are free to the public; it maintains scientific collections and a scientific library, which are free to students; it publishes scientific papers without pecuniary profit; it sends out expeditions in search of new facts and new specimens; it gives free public lectures every month in the year; its staff answers enquiries relating to scientific matters, free of charge:

There are at least 75,000 visitors to the Academy's collection annually; the schools of San Francisco and vicinity are frequent visitors.

The property of the Academy consists chiefly of a building, fronting on Market street, San Francisco, rented for store and offices, and a building back of this front building used for the library and the collections of animals, plants, and minerals. The income from the front building supports the back building; without this income the work of the Academy could not be carried on.

The academy pays over \$7,000 a year for taxes; of this amount less than one-third goes to the State at large, the rest to the City and County of San Francisco.

This tax impoverishes the Academy, the balance of its income being insufficient to do its work.

Similar institutions in other states, such as the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia and the Boston Society of Natural History, are exempt from taxation.

It should be exempt from taxation because the whole of the Academy's income, with the exception of what is paid for taxes, is devoted strictly to maintaining the Academy as a free museum, in the full as well as technical sense of the word.

Because Article XIII, Section 1, of the Constitution of California, manifests that the intent of the Constitution is to foster such an institution as the California Academy of Sciences instead of diminishing its resources and usefulness by taxation.

ELECTION BOARD FOR HERCULES.

The following election Board has been appointed and the polling place established for Hercules precinct at the coming election to be held November 8th, by order of the Board of Supervisors:

Polling place—Town Hall.

Judges—Ralph Robison, C. Ellerhorst.

Inspectors—W. B. McKenzie, E. C. Ross.

Clerks—T. S. Davenport, Sam Bermingham.

Ballot Clerks—W. Miller, W. A. Ray.

The polls will open at 6 o'clock in the morning and close at 5 o'clock in the evening.

The tomahawk that Tecumseh, the famous Indian chief, carried when he was killed is exhibited in the Kentucky building at the World's Fair.

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Regular price 25c per yard.....While they last 15c per yard

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Regular price \$1. \$1.35, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00.....While they last 75cts.

A line of Ladies' Summer Under Vests, all sizes, in white, pink or blue

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We also have a big lot of Mason's Fruit Jars, and are offering same for

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LEHMAN BROS., Pinole, Cal.

LODGE NOTICES

SHENENDOAH TRIBE, No. 127, I. O. R. M.,
meets every Wednesday night.
W. MAYER, JOS. JOHNSON,
Chief of Records. Sachem.



HERCULES LODGE No. 27, K. OF P.
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